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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, Applicants hereby submit the following documents for the Examiner's consideration.

- (1) Egelhof et al., "Der Einfluss des Maschinenbaus auf die Blattbildung," *Wochenblatt für Papierfabrikation*, Vol. 122, No. 4, pp. 111 - 117 (February 1994). For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith an English language abstract of the article; and
- (2) Ilvespää, "Spaltformer-Technologie für SC-, LWC-, und HF-Papiere," *Das Papier*, Vol. 47, No. 10A, pp. V156 - V166 (October 1993). For the Examiner's convenience, Applicants submit herewith an English language abstract of the article.

Copies of the above-listed documents are enclosed as is a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form

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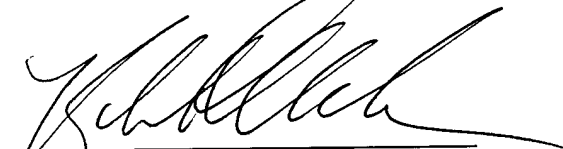
with the next official communication.

Applicants note that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after receipt of the first action on the merits from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and prior to the mailing date of either a final rejection under 37 C.F.R. 1.113 or a Notice of Allowance under 37 C.F.R. 1.311. Accordingly, Applicants enclose herewith a check including the amount of \$ 180.00 to ensure consideration of the enclosed documents under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c).

However, if the check is missing, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees necessary to ensure consideration of the documents cited herein to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should there be any questions or comments, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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